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In re Application of:)
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Kouji MATSUO, et al.) Group Art Unit: 2811
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Application No.: 10/815,932) Examiner: Unknown
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Filed: April 2, 2004)
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING)
THE SAME)
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Applicants are filing this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time this paper was filed. This IDS supplements the IDS filed on April 2, 2004.

Applicants attach copies of the listed documents. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO-1449 Form.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or full translation of the non-English documents, Applicants enclose the attached Japanese Patent Office Action entitled "Notification of Reasons for Rejection," mailed July 13, 2004 in a counterpart foreign application, citing and setting forth the relevance of the attached documents. An English language translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action is also enclosed.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists, and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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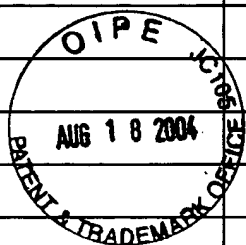
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